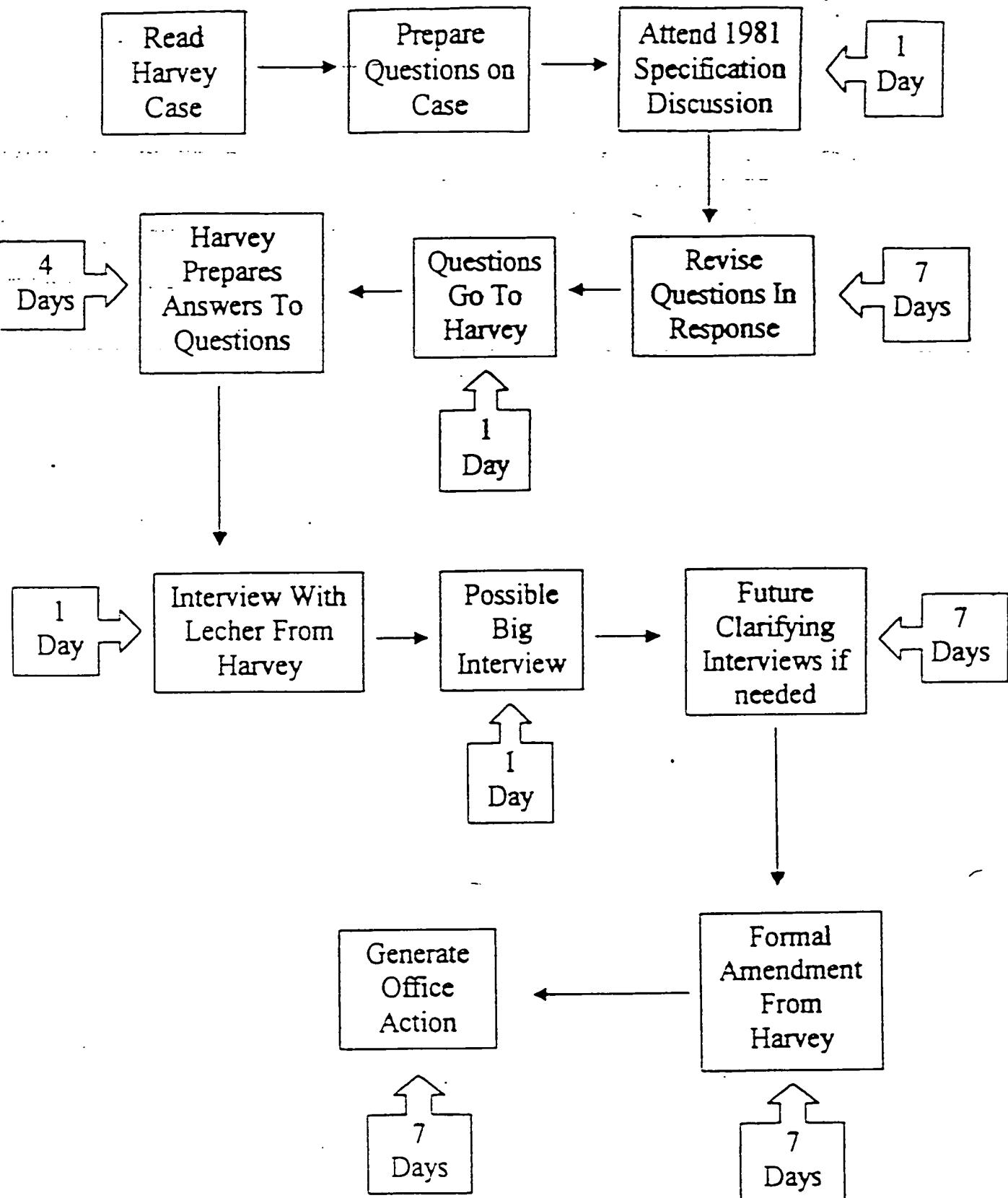
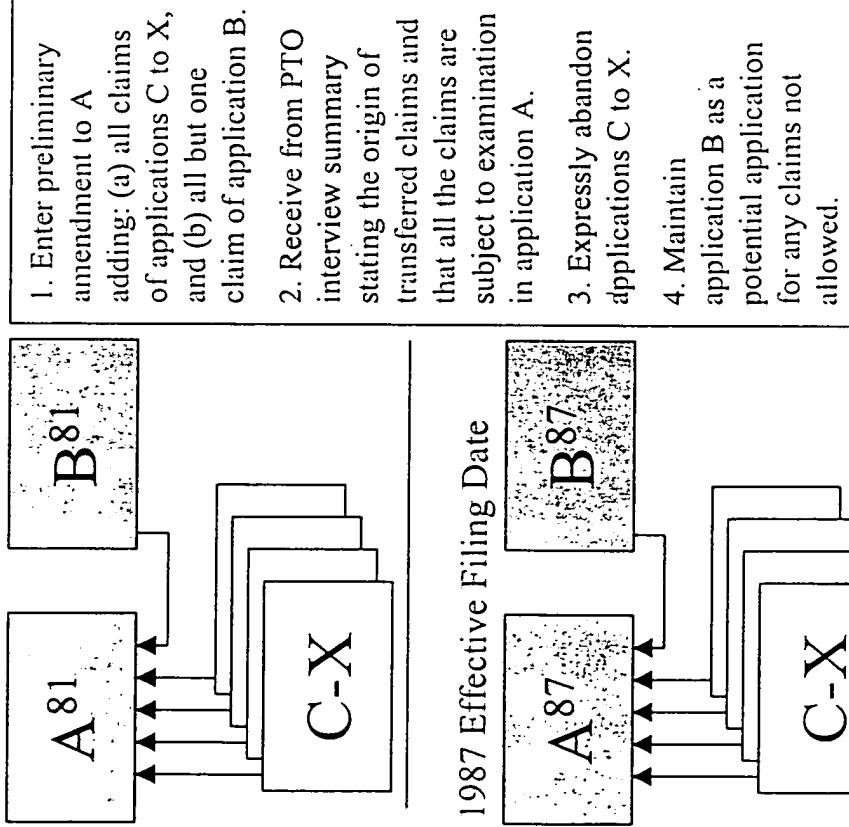


EXHIBIT A

Harvey Project Process



1981 Effective Filing Date



Applicants propose amendments to claim language

Examiners prepare questions in response

1st Interview of Record

Off-record interviews with applicants and examiners

Each Group of 52

2d Interview of Record:
1. 112(1&2);
2. Pat. SM; 3. All issues resolved.

Any Claims to Appeal?

Yes

2d Interview of Record:
Claims at issue moved to application B; cancelled from application A, if any.

Officially amend claims in application A and add any undisputed claim from application B.

Allowable claims to Appln. A

Expressly abandon application B if no Appeal issues

Office Action

Appln. B To Board of Appeals

Issue Application A